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Applicants: R.J. Currie et al. Attorney Docket No.: PCCR114351
Patent No.: 6,831,375 Group Art Unit: 2836
Issued: December 14, 2004 Examiner: R.L. Deberadinis
Title: DIAGNOSTICS, PROTECTION, AND ISOLATION SYSTEM FOR
ELECTRONIC DEVICES ON A VEHICLE DATA COMMUNICATION
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
INDICATED ON ISSUED PATENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d))

Seattle, Washington 98101

February 14, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This request for reconsideration of patent term adjustment is being filed in compliance with the terms of 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d). There were no circumstances during the prosecution of the application resulting in the above-referenced patent that constituted a failure on applicants' part to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude the processing or examination of this application as set forth in § 1.704(b).

☒ 1. Statement of the Facts. This request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment for the term indicated on United States Patent No. 6,831,375 is being filed within two months of the date the patent issued, December 14, 2004.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), on March 22, 2004, Applicants submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement after the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, but before the payment of the issue fee. The information disclosure statement was accompanied by a certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). A copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is attached. Our Check No 154451 for the required \$180 fee was cashed by the USPTO on March 30, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d), applicants' Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was accompanied by a statement that each item of information contained in the

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information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that such communication was received by an individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (c) on March 5, 2004, which was not more than thirty days prior to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Contrary to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d), the patent term adjustment as printed on the above-identified patent erroneously deducted days pertaining to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

☒ 2. Statement of Correct Patent Term Adjustment.

The correct patent term adjustment is 748 days. The bases for the adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702 are as follows:

611 days for USPTO delay in issuing the first Office Action (37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1));
and

137 days for USPTO delay in issuing the patent (37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(4)).

The relevant dates as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a) through (e) are as follows:

Application filed: September 6, 2000
Fourteen months after application filed: November 6, 2001
First Office Action mailed: July 10, 2003
Issue fee paid: March 30, 2004
Four months after issue fee paid: July 30, 2004
Patent issued: December 14, 2004

☒ 3. Terminal Disclaimer. The above identified patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

☒ 4. Further Statement. As to circumstances during the prosecution of this application (now Patent No. 6,831,375) constituting a failure on applicants' part to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of this application as set forth in § 1.704, there are none (37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(2)(iv)(B)).

☒ 5. Petition Fee. The fee set forth in § 1.18(e) required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(1), is paid as follows:

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Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

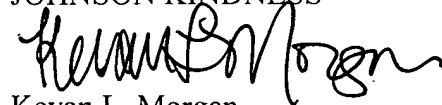
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